



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

Paper No. 17

MCI, INC  
TECHNOLOGY LAW DEPARTMENT  
1133 19TH STREET NW, 10TH FLOOR  
WASHINGTON DC 20036

COPY MAILED

SEP 08 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of  
William C. Hardy, et al.  
Application No. 09/866,770  
Filed: May 30, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. RIC98014P2

:  
:  
:  
:

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee, filed September 2, 2004.

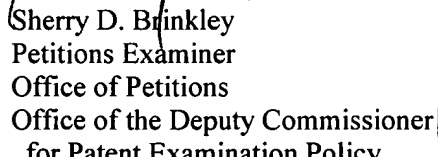
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

*Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid April 30, 2004, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>*

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

After the application is received in the Office of Petitions, the file will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2665 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed September 2, 2004.

  
Sherry D. Brinkley  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy

<sup>1</sup>The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).